

Testimony of Dale Hasselbacher
Before the Appropriations Committee Regarding
An Act Implementing the Governor's Budget Recommendations
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Good Day Senator By, Representative Walker, and members of the committee. My name is Dale Hasselbacher, and I am a registered voter in the town of Norwich. I'd like to testify on the Governor's Budget Recommendations for the Department of Mental health and Addiction Services.

I oppose the elimination of the ERMHB's funding. As a former employee of the Ct. Dept. of Mental Health and Addiction Services for 30 years, and of Reliance House for three years, I have seen what the Boards do to assess services and help get federal funding for Mental Health.

Especially in light of all the concern over mental health services after incidents like Sandy Hook and too, too many others, I don't understand why this is an area to cut.

Thank You, Dale Hasselbacher